

VARIETIES.

Releigh, N. C., is to have a paper entitled "We Know."

It is announced that a prison "exclusively for ladies" is to be built at Toronto.

The last time an Iowa man saw his thumb it was going through a corn-sheller.

A Wisconsin boy played "snap-the-whip" so hard that he broke his collar bone.

A eccentric ghost in Sioux City sits calmly on a bucket with his head under his arm.

One of the largest of the lumbermen of Minneapolis gets out 100,000 feet of lumber every day just now.

Bears are plenty in the woods near Vanceburg, Kentucky, and many have been killed recently.

The negroes of Fayette, Kentucky, have organized for emigration to Kansas.

All persons weary of life had better go to Mayville, Ky., where nitroglycerine works are to be established.

Shoot and paint are the most fashionable cosmetics in Alaska, and coal oil is the favorite perfume.

During the past eighteen years fifty-four boats have blown up on the Western rivers, killing 3983 people.

There are almost as many black men as white in the Florida militia, the numbers being 12,065 and 13,298 respectively.

A Des Moines dandy having offended a young man at a leap-year ball, he threatened to send his big sister to demand an apology.

There are nearly six hundred children in Atlanta, Georgia, who cannot go to school because there isn't room for them.

There is one game of cards in which a lady can play at great advantage, for, no matter who deals, the little thing always has its crib.

A Philadelphia lady went sleighing, froze her forehead in consequence of wearing a fashionable bonnet, and was rendered insane.

Speaking of the danger of catching small-pox by handling greenbacks, a country editor congratulates himself that he's safe enough.

If you want to talk heavy science, say "protoxyd of hydrogen," instead of "free." It sounds bigger, and not one man in a thousand will know what you mean.

During a recent cold snap a county court in Texas had to adjourn until the county could borrow five dollars of the deputy sheriff to buy fuel for heating the court-room.

If you want a Japanese iziboo, you must go over there and get it soon, for their sale to foreigners have been stopped. We cannot describe further than to say that iziboo.

Mexico has consumed 35 presidents in 51 years, and yet, unhappy land, you are as far from peace as ever. (The reporter tries to remark that Juarez is pronounced Yuraz.)

An Ohio man has been married seventy-five years, and has had his mother-in-law as a boarder during the whole time. Although she is now 105 years old, there seems to be no prospect for his immediate relief.

A Louisville lady was dreadfully alarmed at the appearance of a man on the street with a white handkerchief tied over his eyes, because she believed the fellow either had the small-pox or was a live Kn-Klux.

An old Norwegian living at White Bear Lake, Minnesota, had a curious fight with a wolf recently. At first he fought the animal with a club, then with a pitchfork, and finally got a rope round the neck of the beast, drew him to his carpenter's vise, sawed his head into it, and then got a gun and shot him.

A man in Danbury, Conn., was told that gunpowder fried in lard was good for hoofs. He accordingly poured some powder and lard into a frying pan, and put it on the stove. He says now that if he had known how much a new stove was going to cost him he would have preferred the hoof to the fry.

In a Wisconsin town recently a stranger called at the bank and requested to see a note held against him. Receiving the slip, he remarked that he could not read without his spectacles, and walked toward the door, when it was discovered that he was accidentally chewing up the note. The fragments were forced from his mouth by a vigorous choking.

The tourist will soon find the Yosemite Valley an easily accessible place. Next season visitors will be carried by rail within eight miles of the valley, either by the Mariposa or Conditville routes.

A lady living near Fort Sniggs, Arkansas, hearing one of her husbands railing in a field, recently ran out and found the porker in the fatal embrace of a black bear. She ran into the house, but not to shut herself in. Seizing a double-barreled shot-gun, she went close to the bear as he was dining off the hog, and shot him dead.

Adulteration in Butter.

Thousands of pounds of butter are daily sold in the city of New York which are adulterated from a substance made from cotton-seed oil. It is creditable to the farmers, and a disgrace to the city, that they are not open to the charge of adulterating their produce, yet they suffer from the dishonest competition of dealers who make up and sell these fraudulent compounds, and by so doing affect most unfavorably not only the health of the people, but the character of the genuine article. As an artificial compound which was manufactured in Paris to supply the want of real butter during the late siege, the refuse materials left after the manufacture of stearine from fatty animal matters, such as tallow, etc., consisting of an oleo-paste, composed of oleine and margarine, were washed in water acidulated with muriatic acid, for the purpose of bleaching it. It was then subjected to the action of a chemical solution for a period of three hours, during which it acquired the taste and color of butter. This substance, manufactured without any assistance from the cows, was considered an excellent substitute for butter, and was readily accepted in place of it by the people, who considered it much superior to any other artificial product of this description. —Scientific American.

A minister at a colored wedding, wishing to make some humorous remarks, said: "On such occasions as this it is customary to kiss the bride, but in this case we will omit it. To this unusual remark the indignant bridegroom very pertinently replied: "On such occasions as this it is customary to give the minister \$10, but in this case we will omit it."

THE LOTTERY MANIA.

One of the Abominations of Modern Society.

A new book has just been issued called "The Abomination of Modern Society," written by T. DeWitt Talmage. In one of his chapters—the one devoted to gambling—occurs the following striking passages in reference to lotteries:

In modern days, in addition to the other forms of gambling, have come up thoroughly organized, and, in some States, legalized, institutions of lotteries. There are hundreds of citizens on the way to ruin through the lottery system. Some of the finest establishments in town are, by this process, being demolished, and the whole land feels the exhaustion of this accumulating evil. The wheel of fortune is the juggernaut that is crushing out the life of this nation. The records of the insolvent court of one city show that, in five years, two hundred thousand dollars were lost in dealing in lottery tickets. All the officers of the celebrated bank of the United States who failed were found to have expended the money embezzled for lottery tickets.

A man drew in a lottery \$50,000, sold his ticket for \$2,000, and yet he did not have enough to pay the charges against him for lottery tickets. He owed the brokers \$45,000.

An editor writes, "A man who, a few years ago, was blessed with about \$20,000 lottery money, yesterday applied to me for nine-pence to pay for a night's lodging."

A highly respectable gentleman drew \$20,000 in a lottery; bought more tickets and drew again; bought more and drew more largely, then rushed down here long till he was pronounced by the selection of the village vagabond, and his children were picked up from the street half starved and almost naked.

A hard-working machinist draws a thousand dollars; therefore he is disgusted with work, opens a rum grocery, is utterly debauched, and people go into his store to find him dead beside his rum-cask.

It would take a pen plucked from the wing of the destroying angel and dipped in blood to describe this lottery business.

A man committed suicide in New York and upon his person was found a card of address, giving a grog-shop as his boarding-house, three blank lottery tickets and a leaf from Seneca's *Morals*, containing an apology for self-murder.

One lottery in London was followed by the suicide of fifty persons, who held lottery numbers.

These are men now with lottery tickets in their pockets which, if they do not sense enough to tear up or throw into the fire, will be their admission ticket at the door of the damned. As the brazen gates swing open they will show their tickets and pass down to hell.

As the wheel of Fortune turns slowly around, they will find that the doom of those who have despised God and imperiled their souls will be their awful price.

God forbid that you, my reader, should ever take to the lottery. The temptation of the lotteries is too great for you. Eight months had embezzled \$18,000 dollars from his employer, and expended it all in lottery tickets: "I have for the last seven months gone fast down the broad road. There was a time, when I had a few months since, when I was happy because I was free from debt and care. The moment of the first step in my downfall was about the middle of last June, when I took a share in a company and bought lottery tickets, whereby I was successful in obtaining a share of one half the capital prize, which time I have gone from myself. I have lived and dragged out a miserable existence for two or three months past. Oh! that the seven or eight months past of my existence could be blotted out, but I cannot, and ere this I am reading my spirit has gone to its maker, to give an account of my misdeeds here, and to receive the eternal sentence for self-destruction and abused confidence. Relatives and friends I have, from whom I do not wish to part under such circumstances, but necessity compels. Oh, wretch, lottery tickets have been my ruin. But I cannot add more."

There are multitudes of people who disapprove of ordinary lotteries, yet they are not thoroughly deceived by inquiry under a more attractive name. The lottery in which our most highly respectable and Christian people invest some "art association" or some benevolent "gift enterprise," in which they fondly believe, can be no harm, and is really a lottery. The lottery in drawing Bierstadt's Yosemite Valley or Crocker's American Autumn!

At no time have lottery tickets been so broad as to-day, notwithstanding the law forbids the old style lottery.

A few years ago our newspapers flaunted with the advertisements of the Crosby Opera House scheme. A city of Chicago, finding on his hands an unprofitable building, calls upon the whole country to help him out. Rooms are opened in all great cities. In rush, not the abandoned and the reckless, but the sober and the wise, are swindling better, but the educated and the refined and polished, until a host of people are in imminent danger of having thrown upon their hands a splendid opera house. Philadelphia buys \$30,000 worth of tickets. The railroads from many of the prominent cities bring the dignified "committees," who come to see that the great abomination is conducted in a decent and Christian manner. The throng presses in. Hold fast your tickets all you respectable New Yorkers, Philadelphians, and Bostonians, for the wheel begins to move. Hundreds of thousands of people have made a narrow escape from being ruined by sudden affluence. Swift horses are dispatched that, foam-flecked, dash up to the house of him who holds the successful ticket. The lightning bolts of the four winds of heaven, and our weekly pictorial hasten forward the photographers to take a picture of the famous man who owned the ticket numbered 58,600. Multitudes think there has been foul play, and that after all, they themselves, if the truth were known, did not win the opera house. There will stand on the scaffold, or behind the prison door, or in the lonely room in which the suicide writes his farewell to wife or to parents, men who will say that the first ruin of their life that put them on the wrong road was ticket they bought in the Crosby House.

The man who won that prize is already dead of his dissipation. And strange to say the beautiful building owned by its original possessor, when the excitement in regard to the matter had died away.

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Pig Breeding and Feeding.

Mr. Mehl, the prince of experimental farmers, says the same rule applies to pigs as to other animals; choose the best male parent of a thrifty breed. Let the breeding sow work for her living, for if you feed her below the surface of the earth, she will give you a pig. But he says, to have good pigs, she must have the right sort of food to make bone, muscle and fat; but avoid the fatal mistake of giving the sow a large quantity of roots before parturition. Let her run in pasture, and have a moderate supply of bran, a little meal and boiled potatoes, a few turnips, but very few mangolds; a moderate supply of peas, beans and barley, or soaked Indian corn may be added, also clover and green beans in the pods.

Nothing comes in the sow. The great point is to give a variety, and not too much of one sort, especially roots. But after parturition roots may be more liberally given, especially cabbage in conjunction with other food, but immediately after parturition the diet should be sparing. In the case of the pig, the roots and shelter are indispensable. Never allow a pig to tarry itself in stable manure or catch cold by sleeping on cold ground. For fattening pigs, nothing beats two third pea-meal and two third barley meal; if mixed with some small roots, such as turnips and potatoes, they grow and fatten very fast. He fattened two hundred pigs one season without losing any by disease. To promote ventilation they were all placed on sparrow floors, and in hot weather they were treated daily with a shower bath, which kept them very clean. He put straw on the floors in cold weather, and he says pigs pay in mature better than most other animals. They should have salt and plenty of pure water.

BREAKING OXEN.—The education should commence one year old. A suitable yoke and bows are provided; the tails are tied together by the tufts, that they may not turn round and reverse the yoke. A rope is fastened to the near horn of each steer; these ropes unite in one short rope, and from the heel of the collar are allowed to stand in the yoke often when not in exercise, and are exercised daily until they are familiar with the different motions and words and signs used to control them. They are then yoked to a pair of wheels only, and exercised with them. To lead them to back, strike them quick blows on the nose with the palm of your hand, using at the same time the appropriate word. Quietness and gentleness should be used during the lessons, and a little salt will pacify them should they become restless. They should never be yoked when they are excited; let them cool down first. It should be borne in mind that whatever is learned now will be remembered, and the lessons should be given with the greatest care.

VALUABLE RECIPES.

TEMPERANCE CAKE.—One cup of sugar, one cup of sour milk, two cups of flour, one teaspoonful of soda, one teaspoonful of oil, if you like.

A GOOD LIVER.—One of the very best liver medicines is made for man or beast is composed of equal parts of landanum, alcohol and oil of wormwood.

HATHAWAY CAKE.—Whites of three eggs, one cup of sugar, one cup of flour, one half cup of butter, one half cup of milk, one cup of corn-starch, one half teaspoonful of soda, and the same of cream of tartar. Bake with increasing fire.

TO PURGE STOMACH FROM RUSTING.—Oil them with sweet oil. This does not make a bad thing when the stomach is heated again. The stomachs should be very clean when the oil is applied. Cold remedies may be oiled with boiled linseed oil.

LAC VARNISH is made of gum lac and spirits of wine, frequently shaken till the gum be dissolved, then strained and decanted off. The lac ought to be of the kind called seed lac, though for varnishing ordinary woods shellac is often used.

SWEEPING CARPETS.—Persons who are accustomed to use tea leaves for sweeping carpets, and find that they leave stains, will do well to employ fresh cut grass instead. It is better than tea leaves for preventing dust, and gives the carpet a very bright, fresh look.

INSOLUBLE JELLY.—Two ounces of isinglass to a quart of water; boil till it is dissolved; strain into a basin upon a slice of lemon-pestle pared very thin, six cloves and three or four lumps of sugar. Let this stand by the fire for an hour, take out the lemon and cloves, and add four tablespoonsful of brandy.

TO REMOVE ACID STAINS AND RESTORE COLOR.—When color on a fabric has been accidentally or otherwise destroyed, it can be brought back to its original color by the use of ammonia. Use about three ounces for a small omelet. Beat up the eggs singly and carefully. Add to them grated cheese. Regulate the quantity by the number of eggs used—three ounces go to three eggs; four to four, and so on. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Before frying the ingredients, melt, in a small and perfectly clean frying pan, two or three ounces of butter; pour in the ingredients, and as soon as the omelet is well risen, and appears quite firm, slide it cautiously on to a hot dish. Take care that it has not to stand long before serving. From five to seven minutes will be sufficient to cook it, provided there is a clear, brisk fire. The cheese omelet is very satisfactory, and is quickly prepared, and the ingredients are generally at hand.

During the Clay and Polk campaign, the admiration of the Hon. Walter Brooke of Mississippi for the great Kentuckian led him to bet a pair of matched horses, all the stock he had, on the result, and this, though a strict member of the Presbyterian Church. Of course he lost, and of course he was "churched" for gaming. "All we ask of you, Mr. Brooke," said the minister during the trial, "is to acknowledge that you are sorry on the result to sin no more." "Sorry?" asked Mr. Brooke, rising from his seat with an air of injured innocence. "Sorry? My dear brother, when I think of those beautiful boys, gone from my gaze forever, I can truly say, with my hand upon my heart, that I regretted the loss of my life given me more genuine sorrow than this."

Some Distance.—The number of Charles Oakes was made and sold last year by the Excelsior Manufacturing Company, if placed in a line close together, would stretch out for a distance of sixteen miles.

TO CONSUMPTIVES.—The advertisement has been permanently cured of that dread disease, Consumption, by a simple remedy, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. To all who desire it, he will send a copy of the description used, (free of charge), with the directions for preparing and using the same, which will lead to a cure for Consumption, Asthma, Bronchitis, &c. Parties wishing the same, please send their names to the following address: Rev. EDWARD A. WILSON, 34 South 3rd Street, Williamburg, N. Y., Dec. 4, 1872.

Sore Eyes! Sore Eyes!—Excelsior Eye Water positively cures inflammatory Sore Eyes, inflamed eyes and all eye troubles. It is a simple remedy, and is made from the most pure and reliable ingredients. It is used by the most distinguished oculists, and is the only remedy that will cure the most obstinate cases of Sore Eyes, without the use of any other medicine. It is used by the most distinguished oculists, and is the only remedy that will cure the most obstinate cases of Sore Eyes, without the use of any other medicine.

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Depth of Roots.

Underestimating or unconditional rules for cultivation are apt to lead to error. It is common to recommend shallow planting for fruit trees; the assertion is often made that trees do not flourish unless the roots are near the surface of the earth; then again mulching is recommended, which is virtually burying the roots deeper, where there is more uniform coolness and moisture. There may be soils where nearly all the fertility is near the surface; and trees may grow best on such soils when the roots keep shallow; but where the fertility is deep, they will run deep, whatever the owner may desire. The finest growth we ever had of young trees was where a good soil was plowed to a great depth; and the same was true of such soils when well known. It appears that sometimes young trees do best when the roots are set quite deep, as in the following experiment mentioned by the *Western Pomologist*:

"Out of eight or ten hundred apple trees so deeply set that an ordinary spade would not reach the roots, we have yet to see the first case of bark-bursting or blight. We attribute the exemption of our trees from these diseases solely to deep planting, and we do not know another orchard where the trees are set so deep, nor do we know of one of greater or equal age wherein cases of blight or bark-bursting have not occurred." There is no doubt that in this case there was a good natural underground; for a soil rich and mellow for five feet downwards would be entirely unfit for such a soil when the roots were set deep. We would not recommend such deep planting in ordinary cases; it would be injurious. When the soil is deep and loose there is less objection to it. One of the finest apple orchards we know of in Western New York is planted in a spot with deep, somewhat porous soil, and, in excavating the earth from a portion of the roots for other purposes, most of them were found to have run down two or three feet, and some deeper, evidently finding the soil better below than at the surface.

What we want is to keep the roots and the soil together, and act accordingly, not blindly following indiscriminate rules, but adapting treatment to circumstances.

Atmospheric Poison.—The spring sun calls upon some of the flowers and grasses. It coaxes them to the flowers and grasses, the gaudy provocatives of disease. From the offal and garbage of unclean cities, too, it exhales an effluvia of disease and vigor. Periodic fevers of various types are now raging with unusual violence in various parts of the country, and there are complaints from all quarters of a singularly unhealthy spring. What is to be done in this emergency? The answer is simple and to the point. Strengthen the body. Weakness predisposes the system to disease. Commence at once a course of the most genial of food, foster the system with abundance of the terms of epidemic and endemic fevers will never effect the physique that has been fortified and regulated with this glorious vegetable restorative. A moist atmosphere aggravates dyspepsia, and all diseases of a bilious type, and the sudden changes of temperature common at this season are a severe trial even to strong constitutions. There is but one way of combating these deleterious agencies, and that is by invigorating the body, and imparting healthy activity to all its functions. The only specific required for this purpose is Host's Stomachic and Tonic Bitters. It is the purest and the best. Its medicinal ingredients include the most powerful and effective of the vegetable kingdom, and its action is to invigorate the system, and to stimulate the system to health. It is the purest and the best. Its medicinal ingredients include the most powerful and effective of the vegetable kingdom, and its action is to invigorate the system, and to stimulate the system to health.

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